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For a Christmas gift to-night?
How can I tell the story—
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I would give her gems of light
From the caverns deep of night,
Opals, rubies, emeralds green,
Diamonds bright with fairy sheen;

All the spices, rich and strong,
From the eastern lands I'd bring;
Perfumes heavy, musk and nard,
Ambergris, orange and bar.

All the treasures soft and rare
That Circassian beauties wear,
That with [illegible] tender [illegible],
All her charms should closely hold.

[illegible]

DAVID [illegible]

[illegible]

An Ishmaelite's Christmas

EDITH SESSIONS TUPPER

Goodby, Henry," said the warden [illegible]

[illegible] saith the man [illegible] jailers [illegible] I thank—[illegible] kindness.

Oh that's all right," said the warden cheerily. "[illegible] what's right, that's all. Just [illegible] in the future Henry, and I shall never see you here again. Goodluck to you."

The great iron [illegible] behind Henry Johnson as he stepped out of the prison [illegible] where he had served six years four months and [illegible] of the full sentence he had received for the [illegible] six years [illegible] change a man [illegible]

[illegible]

He [illegible]

[illegible] walking [illegible]

Ah friends! That word brought him to a realization of what was before him. Friends! [illegible] In all the wide world had he a single friend?

With lightning rapidity the events of the last eight years swept before him. He saw himself [illegible] and respected [illegible] laying by a tidy little sum for the home which was to be his—and hers —in the near future.

Then came the scandal, the embezzlement, the mystery, the plot which wrecked his life and sent him to prison for a crime of which he was innocent. Then, through the [illegible] chain [illegible] by which he [illegible] from the outer world [illegible] he had learned of the prosperity of the man who in his soul he was [illegible] had ruined him and [illegible] the woman John [illegible]

The rain for New York swept around the curve and the [illegible] shaven man in the [illegible] with despair on his face and hell in his heart crept in and slunk in a corner [illegible] the car. He pressed [illegible] the window to catch a last glimpse of the [illegible] wall and the [illegible] stalking [illegible] up and down.

"How soon will I be back?" he asked himself.

Then as the [illegible] haggard face [illegible] When I come back it will not be for embezzlement, but for murder!"

For Johnson had in those six dreary years [illegible] revenge. He had [illegible] John Raymond his former friend [illegible] as he would a viper that had stung him.

How [illegible] were the words when [illegible] through his brain [illegible] the clattering of the wheels over [illegible]

ONE OR TWO PASSENGERS TURNED AND LOOKED AT HIM.

He would [illegible] only without warning and mercy. Even as ruin had darted upon him should the blow descend upon Raymond.

When? At night. Night with its awful silence and mystery should surround and envelop the deed.

Where? In his own house—the house Raymond had stolen from him. In its fancied security, in its seclusion and elegance within calling distance of of— his wife—if possible would the murderer find him.

The man in the corner of the car laughed aloud. One or two passengers near turned and looked at him, but quickly withdrew their eyes. There was no contagious mirth in that laugh and the smile on the cruel face was the smile of a fiend.

That night he crawled into a slovenly bed in a cheap lodging house on the east side. He missed the lonely cell to which he had become accustomed, and found himself wondering if they would give him his old quarters when he went back.

Next day he prowled about the muddy streets seeking work. It was Christmas week and everybody was too busy to listen to him. He ate sparingly and hoarded his little roll of bills, counting them over and over. A strange attraction lured him to the neighborhood of the bank where he used to work. At the close of the somber day he stood and watched the well dressed, well groomed men emerge from the building. "That is the way I used to look," he said to himself, and then glanced down at his plain clothes and coarse

[illegible]

SOMETHING [illegible] CHURCH [illegible]

[illegible]

was sinking [illegible]

[illegible]

He put [illegible] his hand [illegible] to brush it away.

And then half stumbling he hurried out into the night.

But as he fled through the fast falling snowflakes he heard again the refrain well up [illegible]

[illegible]

Next day as he aimlessly walked about he came face to face with a man he [illegible] and the man started as if he had seen a ghost and then shamefacedly and hesitatingly extended his hand.

[illegible] Johnson [illegible]

"Oh I'm well enough," said Johnson with a short harsh laugh. "I'm trying to get something to do. Perhaps you could help me."

"I—oh—er—well—you see, just now everybody's taken up with Christmas."

"Yes, I see."

"Of course you understand it's not an easy thing to recommend—a——"

"A jailbird."

"Well—er—you understand."

"Yes, I understand. I won't bother you. I'll get along in some fashion. I've a little money. But tell me, can you give me any news of Raymond?"

"Well yes. You heard about his failure?"

"His failure? No."

"Yes, lost every cent a year ago. Poor as a church mouse. Sick too, I heard a few days ago. Rheumatism I believe. His wife"——

"Yes, yes, his wife."

"She's supporting him I understand—sewing. They live somewhere on the east side in a tenement. Horrible come down! Well, I can't stand here all day. Goodby. If I hear of anything"—and he was gone.

Johnson stood looking after him in a dazed fashion until a gentle hint from a policeman reminded him he had better move on.

So Raymond was poor and sick—his

[illegible] in heaven [illegible]

[illegible] Christmas [illegible]

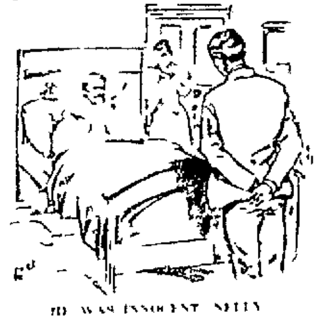
[illegible] Nelly. [illegible] he followed her [illegible] stealthily crept [illegible] involuntary [illegible] his heart.

[illegible] flight of stairs she went [illegible] became her pursuer. She [illegible] on the third landing [illegible] He crouched outside [illegible] his breath.

The door remained ajar.

He looked in and marked the poor room with its wretched belongings. He saw [illegible] man bolstered [illegible] pillows.

"Is that you, Nelly?" he heard Raymond [illegible] I thought you would never come [illegible] now."



HE WAS INNOCENT NELLY.

Then Johnson listening, straining every nerve there in the darkness heard an awful groan.

"What is it? Is it the pain again?"

"Yes, yes. Oh this terrible! Nelly, I am lying—"

"No [illegible] you will be better presently. Here, drink this."

The sufferer [illegible] and sank back exhausted on the pillows. "Now," thought Johnson, "now is my time. I can rush in and stab him before his wife [illegible]"

"Poor Nelly," said Raymond again, "what has [illegible] you [illegible]"

[illegible]

"Yes [illegible] Nelly I am lying. I must speak [illegible]"

[illegible] excited. [illegible] sleep and [illegible] Christmas morning you will be better."

And then [illegible] the Ishmaelite [illegible] Nelly's sweet voice:

[illegible]
The [illegible] Star

But [illegible]

"I must speak," [illegible] the sick man, "I will tell [illegible]"

[illegible] pushed open and [illegible] saw him. His face was [illegible] his features working, and tears were running down his cheeks.

[illegible] the Ishmaelite [illegible]

[illegible] generosity [illegible] himself and with one [illegible] Johnson cry [illegible]

"[illegible] innocent Nelly!"

And the [illegible] star of Christ [illegible] through the window on three people, two of whom knelt by the bed, holding the thin hands of the other. Both on the white face of the dead and the living face of the Ishmaelite had settled the peace which passeth all understanding.

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THE KING WHOSE SCEPTER IS A HOLLY BRANCH

How St. Nicholas Became the Santa Claus of Today—Christmas as It Is Celebrated North and South—An Old Plantation Scene.

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Wherever it occurs Christmas is king of the holidays. In the northern homestead, on the southern plantation among those who go down to the sea in ships and among the people of all civilized lands it is the one season of the year marked by a reign of hospitality merriment and open heartedness. It recalls to the old the pleasures of youth and transports many an absent one back to his own fireside and quiet home.

In [illegible] New York city when it was New Amsterdam and the sturdy Stuyvesant was commander in chief, when our now crowded Broadway was below Wall street and known only as plain Heerestraat, when our Maiden Lane was T'maagde paatje—The Maiden's Path—where the red cheeked Dutch girls went to hang their clothes, when the [illegible] market was on Bowling Green and the present City Hall park a public pasture outside the city wall, the 24th and 25th of December were dedicated to St. Nicholas the patron saint of the colony. It was his image that [illegible] the figurehead of the ship that brought the first Dutch emigrants to this shore. It was he who gave his name to the first church within the walls and whose name was most solemnly invoked in the hour of trouble by all Dutchmen on land and sea.

To the Dutch boys and girls St. Nicholas was a jolly white bearded little old man smoking his long stemmed pipe and in their fancies driving through the air over town and country, oceans and deserts, sending through space the sharpest of whistles to the wonderful reindeer team that carried the wonderful sleigh. These little knickerbockers have passed away forever, but the children of today still keep up the custom of the children of 1650 [illegible] St. Nicholas they now call him Santa Claus. He is the same friend, the same little low built chubby merry mysterious ancient who loves children of all ages and all countries.

The manner in which his coming is celebrated differs according to the habits and associations of the people. In the great cities and the country towns for days and weeks beforehand the markets and stores, the streets and avenues proclaim the approach of the fete. The whole community [illegible] itself for [illegible] Family sleds [illegible] men and [illegible] in their [illegible] wagons and coaches filling the [illegible] street cars and trundling [illegible] highways in wheelbarrows. [illegible] and children husbands [illegible] sweethearts [illegible] There are gifts for boys and girls, presents for [illegible] and [illegible] presents [illegible]

Old Santa [illegible] crowding poor families in [illegible] endeavor to buy the big [illegible] turkey and make amends for his [illegible] bookkeeping during the [illegible] declares to [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] Christmas eve—the fairy time of the little ones. And who shall describe it? The old mantel with its row of stockings, large and small, the [illegible] of the youngsters as [illegible] the fireplace [illegible] what Santa Claus will bring them [illegible] bed and listening while the grownfolks are making merry over their eggnog and mulled cider for any sign of the coming of the old gentleman down the chimney [illegible] when the house is still the mysterious movements of the happy parents as they produce the Christmas gifts from their hiding place and fit them up in the most [illegible] Long before dawn when the children bounce from their beds to see what the king has sent them the [illegible] of chuckles and [illegible] of delight as they gather around the bedside of the sleepy father and mother and arouse every one in the house to display the liberality of the God of gifts who shall [illegible] tell the story of such a happy time.

By and by the bells in the steeples call the good people to church and chapel, and away they go flocking through the streets in their best clothes and with [illegible] Closed stores and a general cessation from labor give a Sabbath sanctity [illegible] very different from the Christmas echoes of the night before. A little later we are seated at the Christmas dinner, each one nervously impatient to attack the heaped up viands. The turkeys and geese and chickens that [illegible] stuffing [illegible] Christmas [illegible] sent out stuffed [illegible] upon the tables and soon after [illegible] little boys and girls [illegible]

The [illegible] the old folks gather around the big fire [illegible] good [illegible] and honest interchange of affection [illegible] which abound at this season. The young people betake themselves to the frolics of a sleigh ride while the children repair perhaps to the neighboring hills and ponds to try the new sleds and skates. This is the Christmas of the average home circle throughout the north and west.

The Christmas of the rich is also a fairyland in which for one day at least nothing [illegible] the spirit of Kris Kringle enters the [illegible] heaven with its firmament of [illegible] carpeted floor, softer than clover, its perfumed air, embroidered curtains and gorgeous Christmas tree, all aflame with light and color, where are gathered a fashionable throng of old and young awaiting the bestowal of costly gifts.

But in the background of even this pleasant picture is another—the families of the poor, the labyrinths of wretched homes and teeming tenement houses, the prisons and hospitals. They are not forgotten. The rich man has spared from his abundance that the hard pressure of poverty may for the moment be lightened, and charitable hands deal out the stores of good things that make one and all feel as if the spirit of Christmas was indeed the angel of the day bringing the old time message, "Peace on earth and good will to men."

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Poor Man.

Wife—Is there anything else, dear, that you would like to hang on the Christmas tree?

Husband—Yes. Those triplets.

Christmas in the Land of the Czar.

Throughout the Ukraine or little Russia, Christmas is observed as a great sacred day. Weeks before Christmas preparations for welcoming the so-called Christmas kutia" (barley grits) are going on in a peasant's hut.

The hut is whitewashed, the floor and polatia (bed of boards) are scrubbed, the holy images or ikons, on the walls are adorned with coarse linen towels embroidered, and a few crosses, neatly made of straw or hay, are nailed upon the ceiling and wall.

A bench covered with hay is placed at the corner under St. Nicholas image, upon which rests the pot with the sacred kutia.

The head of the family after offering prayer and expressing a few wishes before the kutia—such as that the next summer's crop may be abundant, or that general prosperity may crown his home—takes his seat at the head of the table. His example is followed by the rest of the members.

The pot with the kutia is soon placed before them and after a few more little formalities is devoured with great appetite. After this is done all dress themselves in their best clothes and start out to church.

December

Oh happy hearts, list to the chiming bells.
Oh yearning souls, list to their sweet refrain!
It is the echo which forever tells
Of "peace on earth" amid its joys and pain.
Wreathe holly berries and pale mistletoe
In garlands for the joyous Christmastide
The year is buried and the chastening snow
Falls like a benediction far and wide.
—Clara Lee Puckette in New Orleans Picayune.

A Bad Neighborhood.

Dashaway—Well Uncle Ebony what are you going to have for your Christmas dinner?

Uncle Ebony—I ze gwine to have a fat turkey, sah.

Dashaway—[illegible] I thought you told me not long ago [illegible] expect to have one.

Uncle Ebony—No, sah, I didn't [illegible] done moved out ob dat neighborhood since den.

A Plea.

Dear Santa Claus, I've got to go
To bed. It's late you see—
So listen, please, for you must know
Just what to bring to me.

I want a pair of skates, a knife,
A pony that can trot,
I want a nice big drum and fife,
And all the books you've got.

I want a kite with miles of string
And several Christmas trees.
But when you come this year don't bring
Another baby, please.

Christmas Mummers.

Among other quaint customs still extant are those of the "mummers" and mummings at Christmas, all common in Oxfordshire England. Some wear masks, some black their faces and others dress fantastically. They go about singing

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year,
Your pockets full of money and your cellars full of beer.

But this is the convivial side. At this time the following apparently senseless lines are sung by the yeoman of Somersetshire:

Here comes I, liddle man Jan,
With my sword in my han'
If you don't all do
As you be told by I,
I'll send you all to York
For to make apple pie.

Mum.

Dashaway—I hear, Bobbie, that you got a train of cars for Christmas and they had an accident. Tell me all about it.

Bobbie—I can't say a word. You see, I am one of the officers of the road.

[illegible]

THREE NATIVES OF PIKE

By DAN DE QUILLE.

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[CONTINUED.]

"At last, when I'd worked up the audience to such a pitch that the cries of 'Trot out yer turtles' and the whistlin and stampin drownded my voice, I'd face about, flourish my rattan and at the word of command two of the turtles would come marchin in from opposite sides of the stage. Then they'd lumber along down to the footlights, run out their heads and make a bow. Then the other pair would march in and take their places between the first, blowing bowin.

"Music then strikin up, the turtles would get up on their hind legs, take their places and dance a French four. They'd also do double shuffles and pat juba, which fotched all the nigs. They played leapfrog, made pyramids and wrastled, also their drill with wooden guns was very pleasin. The big thing after all was the boxin match at the wind up. That allers brought down the house, but it was that which at last busted the whole business.

"One Sunday night, when two of the turtles was boxin and the other two actin as seconds, the glove contest all at once turned into a reg'lar fight. To the astonishment of all the whites, and to the delight of all the niggers, the turtles on a sudden left off boxin and went to buttin heads.

"Only a few dashes was made afore off went the head of one of the turtles, and the other was butted clean out of his shell, exposin to view two little naked darky boys.

"A howl went up from the audience, and seein that a rush was likely to be made for the stage, I gave the word to my turtles and we all skipped by a back door, rippin the little nigs out'n their shells with my jackknife.

"Next day the papers gave the whole thing away. They told that to the back shells of turtles had been added artificial heads and necks, that the belly part was too flaps of cotton cloth sewed to the edges of the shells, and painted to imitate shell, and fastening up in front with small, well concealed hooks and eyes. They had it about right.

But for the papers blowin the thing I would have taken my show up the river as far as St. Louis, and likely clean on to New York.

"In gittin up this show the worst of the job was findin little darkies of jist the right build. They had to have long necks and small heads to play the part of turtles. The masks were all the skins of turtle heads greatly stretched and fitted with glass eyes, and the boys were turtle skins tanned till as soft as a kid glove. The animal stuffer who got up the rig charged two hundred dollars for it, and warranted that no deception could be detected from the front, nor would there have been any trouble but for the fight between the two little nigs. The buttin busted out the show.

"A curious thing was that in gittin up the show, when I first stripped one of the little nigs to fit him into his shell I noticed a peculiar scar on his back. I asked him how he got it, and he told me by bein put onto a big hook and used for catfish bait. Then he ups and tells me the whole story of his bein swallered by a catfish twenty-five feet long; how he was taken out alive and with but one little scratch, all jist as Buck here has told us. I then thought him a awful little liar but I now see that the poor child was simply tellin me a God's truth."

CHAPTER III.

THE STORY OF THE THIRD PIKE.

"After another libation poured to the called 'Lige the third Pike, who was venturs bein allers never had no advand speculation, but Bud [illegible] trade count of his performin turtles naturally brings to mind my great tarrapin speculation. Hearin of the big prices that was bein paid for tarrapin stews in Washoe and California in the airly and flush times of the silver mines by mining superintenders, big lawyers, sports and highfliers in gineral, I concluded to make a bold stroke for a fortin.

"I collected all the tarrapin I could find in Missouri, then had brought to me all that the niggers and 'white trash' in Kaintucky, Tennessee and Arkansaw could skeer up. When all the tarrapin had come in they covered four sections of land as thick as the cobblestones in an old St. Louis pavement. All the people for fifty miles around come to see the sight. Every son of a gun of 'em tried to pump me to find out what I was goin to do with them four sections of tarrapin. I kept mum or told 'em lies. Not a soul suspected that I was preparin to make a great tarrapin drive acrost the plains to Washoe and California.

When I got ready to start my drove I found I couldn't do the fust thing toards gittin 'em in line. When I'd start a quarter section or so of 'em ahead the rest would begin movin out sideways, and would soon be so scattered that I had to raise all the niggers in the county, big and little, to go 'round 'em, whip 'em in and get 'em massed agin.

"After three or four attempts at startin the drove an ole nigger came into my camp one night 'bout midnight. His har was white as wool and he looked more'n a hundred year old. He wore a sort of breechclout made of 'possum skins, but nary another stitch of duds. The ole feller stood over six feet high and was straight as an arrer. He looked 'bout the same as any other ole nigger, except his head and face, which made me think of a big snappin turtle.

"By a rattle the ole feller had in his hand, and by the string of snake heads and things he had 'round his neck, I seed that the ole feller was a hoodoo doctor. The ole man told me there was only one way of gettin my drove of tarrapin started and makin 'em travel—I must git for their leader the 'tarrapin king.'

"I asked whar the king of tarrapins was to be got. The ole doctor told me he was in the big lake in New Madrid—the biggest lake that was formed when the ground sunk in the great earthquakes of eighteen hundred and eleven and twelve. I asked him how I was to git this 'tarrapin king,' and the ole man said he'd git him for me. I asked how much he'd charge and when he'd bring him. The ole feller said that if I'd give him one of my tarrapin that he'd pick out and a little nigger boy that I had I'd find the tarrapin king standin beside my tent at daylight in the mornin.

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After using a severe cold in my head for months and after using Ely's Cream Balm and was surprised to find the right nostril which was closed for years was open and free as the other, and can use it now as I could not do for years. I am very thankful.—R. H. Cressingham, 275 18th St., Brooklyn.

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County Miner.

ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY.

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[illegible] Editors and Proprietors.

Smethport, Pa., Dec. 23, 1892.

Congress has adjourned over for the holiday week.

The movement to make George Graham of Philadelphia a candidate for United States Senator "died a bornin."

Hon. James G. Blaine is a very sick man at his home in Washington, and it would create no surprise to hear of his death any moment. He has been hovering between life and death for the past two weeks, yet as we go press the reports indicate an improvement in his condition.

Our democratic and mugwump contemporaries must exercise a little patience, as we are aware that they are more than anxious to know what we will have to say in reference to the official printing of the county. We have been too busy the past week to look up certain data which we require to show up that business accurately. The next issue of the Miner will be worth reading.

A communication in another column on the subject of the alleged perjury of officials who use railroad passes, is from the pen of one of the most learned attorneys in this section of the State. The intimation that perhaps the late candidate for judge on the democratic ticket in this county used railroad passes is quite suggestive. There is no doubt he uses all he can get.

The Philadelphia *Press* says that in the whole range of political vision there is no lonelier spectacle than that of David B. Hill sitting by himself in Washington with his valise already packed, waiting to be summoned to a conference of democratic leaders to map out a plan of operation for the new administration. The picture of Napoleon looking out upon the sea at St. Helena isn't a marker to it.

It has come to our knowledge recently, that an old Republican stalwart of Tioga county was sent to Washington during the preliminary fight for Senator in this county, for the purpose of securing Senator Quay that Mr. Smith would support him for renomination by the Senate. This only confirms what Mr. Smith said in this place during that contest, yet every man in this county who hates Quay polled for Smith.

The Harrisburg *Telegraph* speaks the opinion of a great many people in Pennsylvania in the following: "The most conspicuous example of cheek seen in latter days is Alex. McClure offering a motion in the Union League of Philadelphia that the club tender a banquet to President Harrison. The good sense of the club members turned McClure down, at the same time placing the arrangement for the banquet in the hands of a committee. By the way, what is McClure doing in a Republican club? He is a nice specimen to be taking part in the deliberations of a Republican club especially one like the Union League."

We have been credibly informed since our last issue, that [illegible] be a candidate [illegible] of the House before the Republican caucus at which the officers governing that body are selected. And why should he not be successful? He is not only the peer in point of the particular ability required for the position, of any man named, but in fairness between men and men he ought to receive unanimous support from this section of the State. Two years ago Mr. Thompson could not have been nominated had not Mr. [illegible]'s friends given him their support. They were both candidates with about equal strength, and in the final round-up they agreed to stand by each other, the one developing the most strength to take the prize. Mr. Thompson won by a [illegible]. Wouldn't it show a little gratitude on his part to turn in and help Mr. [illegible]'s now? The reports being circulated through the eastern papers that Mr. Thompson is the unanimous choice of the Republican members representing the north western counties is not true.

Christmas Holly.

The practice of decking churches with the evergreen is very ancient, says Chat [illegible]. On this account our pious forefathers gave it the name of "holy tree," of which our word holly is a corruption. Dugga tells us "that branches of the tree were sent by the Romans to their friends with their New Year's gifts as emblematical of good wishes, and the custom is said to be nearly as old as the building of Rome itself." The holly sometimes attains the height of forty feet, and when of this large size the wood is very valuable and is much used by cabinet makers. It is white, hard, close grained and takes a very fine polish. When stained black it is an excellent imitation of ebony. The long and straight tough branches are often used for whip handles and walking sticks. The leaves of the holly near the ground are frequently much more prickly than those toward the top of the tree. This circumstance forms the subject of a poem by Southey, in which he says that though in youth buffetings with the world may call forth harshness, yet a man ought to pray that unkind feelings may daily wear away—

"Till the smooth temper of his age shall be
Like the high leaves upon the holly tree."

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[illegible] Mr. Miner:

The oath of office taken by a Judge in Pennsylvania is the same official oath taken and subscribed by each and every State and County officer in the commonwealth, before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office. Each Attorney-at-Law must, before he can be admitted to practice in any court of record of Pennsylvania, swear to support the constitution of the United States and the constitution and laws of Pennsylvania. If a Judge commits perjury by using a free railroad pass, then every State and County official and every member of the bar of any court of record in this State does the same when he uses such a pass.

The oath to support the constitution is not to be interpreted by the private standard of any citizen who claims to set up his judgment as such standard, but by the standard afforded by the law, and it refers to his official conduct as a judge or other officer in the discharge of his official functions, not to his private conduct as a citizen. If it were otherwise the use of profane language, the playing at cards for money, and many similar individual violations of law might subject the individual to impeachment as an officer, to secure fidelity in the administration of the law of the office. To say that a public officer is guilty of perjury because he does not pay his railroad fare is ridiculous nonsense, and to publish such a charge in a public newspaper against a judge, attorney-at-law or other public [illegible] is a gross criminal libel.

The foregoing remarks have been called forth by the apparently malicious criminal libel recently published in the McKean *Democrat* against Judge Olmsted. If the editor of that paper had consulted a lawyer before giving place in his paper to this libel, he may learn in time that his lawyer did not know much law or else his advice was not honest. In this connection it might interest the editor of the *Democrat* to ascertain how many times his late candidate for judge and other distinguished members of the bar of his party living in this State have used free railroad passes since swearing to support the constitution and laws of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Probably there are but few if any prominent lawyers in Pennsylvania who have not used free railroad passes. Are they all ignorant of the law or do they commit perjury? Is it possible that the Judges of the Supreme Court, of the Courts of Common Pleas and other public officials are so ignorant or so malicious as to commit wilful perjury? If so what a wise and virtuous man has been discovered in the editor of the *Democrat* to inform all of these people of the [illegible] of their official oaths.

There is nothing in the constitution or laws of Pennsylvania making the use of a free railroad pass a crime, or attaching any penalty to the use of the same. It may not be good taste for a man to ride on a pass, in the judgment of some, but this is a matter of individual taste as the law now stands.

Rex.

[illegible]

Editor Miner: There has been considerable said this fall in the Democratic papers about Mr. Howell going back on Mr. Smith. The last time I was in Smethport it was brought to my notice, and I tell the man who spoke to me about it that there was no bargain between Mr. Howell and Mr. Smith, at least on Mr. Howell's part. I was a delegate from Wetmore township in the last County Convention and was elected with the understanding that I was to support Bannon first, last and all the time. [illegible] was my colleague, Mr. [illegible]. There was a time when S. W. [illegible] could have had the vote of Wetmore township nearly unanimously, but that time has passed. The reasons why the people have lost confidence in him it would take too much of your valuable space to show in detail. But [illegible] apparent on every hand.

Just before the convention met I was standing before the [illegible] hotel in Smethport [illegible] one of Mr. Smith's friends [illegible] he was [illegible] to take [illegible]. The [illegible] I gave [illegible] that [illegible] money enough to buy me.

I am tired of seeing my friend and comrade assailed all [illegible]. I have known David Howell ever since he came to Kane and have always found him a kind and true friend and neighbor. If Mr. Smith had been nominated he would have shown that he was a true Republican by entering heartily into the fight for the ticket. Instead of that he was constantly showing that he was sore and disgruntled whenever he attended a meeting. Had he shown the right spirit he might have stood some show in the future with Republicans who are always in line when the fight comes. Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad.

W. [illegible]

Kane, [illegible] Dec. [illegible]

[illegible] OF THE [illegible]

Every well informed family subscribes every year for more than one newspaper. The local newspaper [illegible] ... enter but on the other hand there are reasons why nearly every family wishes one [illegible] of the [illegible] newspapers which it [illegible] families have, whether it takes others or not, because the period of the great editorials, foreign and home reviews, and special articles of a newspaper, which is edited for the country at large and devotes its [illegible] to matters of national and general moment. In their choice of general newspapers the reader [illegible] will do well to consider the attractions of the New York *Tribune*, now the oldest and most aggressive of Republican weeklies. Its price is but $1 a year, and its columns are crammed with strong, brilliant and entertaining matter. It is announced that the paper will continue to print the writings of Roswell G. Horr of Michigan, on the tariff, Reciprocity, Coinage, the Currency and the new projects of the Farmers' Alliance. Mr. Horr expounds the Republican doctrines ably and agreeably, over his own signature every week, in the *Tribune*, and men of both parties, who want the Republican arguments, can get them in the *Tribune* in extenso. The *Tribune* has a strong editorial page, and many non-political features of interest including two pages a week of agricultural and papers on special branches of farming, contributions by distinguished writers, over their own signatures, a page for old soldiers, and many features of particular interest to families. One series of articles is entitled "How to succeed in Life," written by successful men. The *Tribune* encourages and promises to answer the questions of young people on how to succeed.

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[illegible] HARRISBURG [illegible].

From our own correspondent.

Harrisburg, Dec. 18, 1892.

The Pennsylvania Grangers and Patrons of Husbandry held their annual session in this city during the past week and it has been the most successful as well as the most largely attended meeting of Pennsylvania farmers ever held. There was great interest shown in the several meetings by both male and female grangers and the subjects discussed, those which were altogether applicable to the farming interest were ably handled and and were very interesting. The report of Secretary Thomas of the *Farmers Friend* was present and read. It showed a most gratifying condition of the organization. During the year fifty-three new granges were organized and over six thousand new members were enrolled. And the total membership at present in good standing was reported to be over 45,000.

The subject of a state road law was one that occupied much of the time of the business meetings and to giving expression to the wants of the farmers in this direction. A special committee was empowered to draft a bill for presentation to the coming Legislature for enactment into a law. The opinion as expressed by the Grangers was to the effect that the State ought to be given the supervision of all public highways, but as to the particular kind of road that would be applicable to all parts of the State, there were as many opinions as there were Grangers. The Legislature was left to grapple in detail with the proposed road law. The Grangers are not satisfied with the defeat of the Granger Revenue Bill of two years ago and complain that the burdens of taxation rest heavily on the farmers, and they say that taxes are unequal and oppressive on the farmers, and an attempt will be made this winter to revive the defeated Granger Bill or else formulate on the lines of the bill of two years ago. This bill, it will be recalled was the farmers' [illegible] tax measure and taxed everything and everybody except the farmers.

At a secret meeting of the Executive Committee of the Grangers the question of the succession in the U. S. Senate was [illegible]. To begin with Senator Quay was roundly abused and denounced, and then Farmer Taggart, the defeated Granger Republican candidate for member in the lower House from Montgomery county, was endorsed for Senator Quay's place. The Executive Committee's sitting at [illegible] grew very warm on this matter, and it finally was concluded to suppress the whole subject and not permit it to go before the Grange meetings at all, so the matter was dropped. Senator Brown of York county, it was reported, was the author of the move to defeat Senator Quay.

In the election of officers for the ensuing year there was developed a [illegible] the democratic scheme to capture the Patrons and put into office a [illegible] in the wool Bourbon. This scheme was engineered by Senator Brown, of York, who laid his plans quietly, and with his Democratic henchmen intended to spring the trap at the opportune moment and capture the farmers. The plan was to oust all the present officers and put in their place [illegible] Senator Brown [illegible] to supplant Mr. [illegible]. [illegible] Democratic [illegible] [illegible] Brown [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] for the [illegible] that [illegible] game [illegible] that the [illegible] scheme was to be [illegible] so they quietly got together in the scheme[illegible] and when the [illegible] was [illegible] Brown and his gang was knocked out and the old officers re-elected.

The Pennsylvania farmers don't take any stock in the Senator [illegible] and will not permit themselves to be used as a [illegible] to the Democratic [illegible].

In the several departments on the Hill the chiefs are busy [illegible] [illegible] with department [illegible] for the message to the Senate and House, which will convene on January [illegible] and the [illegible] with the [illegible] the Executive [illegible] when they all that they must make their [illegible] as short as possible.

State Librarian Egle will renew his recommendation for a fire proof library building for the storage and safe keeping of the [illegible] and valuable books in the [illegible] used as a library and besides he calls attention to the danger of losing the valuable and rare state archives now in his charge in case of fire. Major Eckart, the Superintendent of Public Grounds, who has made the Capitol Park one of the handsomest spots in the State, will ask for enough money to tear out the old stone steps leading to different parts of the park from 3d street and from 4th street, to enable him to replace them [illegible] with something more modern and [illegible] in style of architecture.

It is more than probable that the Adjutant General will ask the Governor to recommend to the Legislature an increase in the National Guard and to accept as a portion of the Guard the Naval Battalions now formed in Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Erie, and as a fitting close to the Legislative session of 1893 it is hoped that an appropriation will be made to at least begin a new Capital building and one that will be a credit to the great Keystone State.

The Soldiers' Orphans' Commission has about concluded its work, and there will be at the close of the present fiscal year only about five hundred scholars in the three schools. The Commission deems it unwise to keep the school open any longer and will recommend to the Legislature, that the Soldiers' Orphans' as distinctive institutions be discontinued and that the experiment of establishing Industrial Schools for poor children, be tried, giving to soldiers' orphans' the preference of appointment to scholarship. The closing of the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools is advised because the State thereby will save a large sum of money and by inaugurating the Industrial School idea, a large class of poor children will be reached and given the benefit of a practical education, which, but for their new schools would be denied them. The Governor is said to favor the idea of Industrial Schools and will recommend the proposition of the Commission to the favorable action of the Legislature.

The World's Fair Managers are greatly pleased at the bright prospect of the fine display from this State at the Columbian Exposition to open next in Chicago. The reports from the business manager of this State have been general, and Pennsylvania in her Scientific, Industrial and Manufacturing Departments will be creditably represented.

Dr. Warren, the State ornithologist, is about completing his proposed display of birds and animals, native to this State. His collection is very extensive and he has bestowed much care and decided excellent taste in arranging them so as to represent as near as possible each bird and animal in its native element and its wild condition. This collection will be returned to this State at the close of the Fair and will form the nucleus of a State Museum to be provided for in the near future in this city.

A merry Christmas to all the readers of the Miner.

Alcroft.

LITERARY NOTES

THE MANAGEMENT OF SERVANTS

If you would secure the loyal cooperation of your servants, make them feel that your home is theirs also, and give some consideration to their comfort. Every maid should have her own comfortable room, if possible, and under all circumstances her own bed. Her efficient work depends largely upon restful sleep, and if you insure this, you will receive your recompense in her increased usefulness.

Give all your orders carefully and clearly, be sure they are understood, and never forget to see they are executed. Nothing so demoralizes a maid as the discovery that her mistress is forgetful. Be careful to give no unnecessary orders, for this soon degenerates into nagging, and, if you, with your disciplined mind, are irritated by needless and petty interruptions, what can you expect of your untrained maid, who has never been taught the value and dignity of self-control? A good rule also, is never to transmit orders to one servant by another.

Always give all the directions for the day's work, when it is possible, the first thing in the morning after breakfast. This is the time to give a glance through kitchen, store-room, pantries, and china closet, for, though your own hand need not execute your wishes, it is important that your eye be watchful, and the knowledge that it is will often insure prompt obedience to your most trifling request. A convenient slate or memorandum tablet in your dressing-room, and another on or near your writing desk, are efficient aids to memory, and will help you often to secure the doing of the right thing at the right time. They will help you to throw off care too, for you will not fear forgetting, and fear of every sort is a deadly enemy to health and happiness. This doing of our work over, again and again, first, in dread of it, afterwards in doubts and fears for its success, is a prolific source of wrinkles and weariness. Some one tells of an old lady, eighty years of age, who, when asked how she retained her vigor and strength, said: "By not taking my washing, ironing, and baking to bed with me."—*From "Everything in House," [illegible] in Demorest's Family Magazine for January.*

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[illegible]

[illegible] Mr. M. [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] with rheumatism for a year or more [illegible] [illegible] school [illegible] Chamberlain's Pain Balm [illegible] [illegible] A. D. Armstrong, Druggist.

[illegible] Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] scalding water [illegible] [illegible] Witch Hazel Salve [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] remarkably good salve [illegible] [illegible].

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Foreclosure Sale.

SUPREME COURT—Allegany County.
The Mercantile Trust Company of the City of New York, Plaintiff,
Against
The Bradford, Eldred and Cuba Railroad Company, Julius O. Fish, as Trustee, Myron Townsend, Alonzo J. Thompson, [illegible] as Administratrix, etc., of James W. France, deceased, Augustus Fisch, M. C. Tyler, Walter S. Johnson, as Receiver, etc., Defendants.

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale rendered herein on the 30th day of July, 1891, and duly entered in the Allegany County Clerk's office on the 4th day of August, 1891, and also pursuant to a decree ancillary thereto, rendered in the Court of Common Pleas, in the county of McKean, State of Pennsylvania, on the 6th day of September, 1892, and entered on that day in the office of the Prothonotary of said county—I, the undersigned, David P. Richardson, the Referee duly appointed for such purpose by said judgments, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder on the

18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1892,

at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the court house in the village of Belmont, county of Allegany and state of New York, the real and personal estate, property and franchise directed by said judgment to be sold and therein described as follows:—

All the railroad of the Bradford, Eldred and Cuba Railroad Company, beginning at the village of Cuba in the town of Cuba, thence through the towns of Clarksville, Wirt, Bolivar and Genesee in the county of Allegany, to a point in the southerly boundary of the county of Allegany on the state line between the States of New York and Pennsylvania—as well as that part of said railroad now constructed as the part thereof which shall hereafter be constructed, and all and singular the right of way of said Company, and the lands, real estate, rails, tracks, bridges, buildings, depots, station houses, shops, warehouses, structures, erections, fixtures and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining; whether now owned and possessed or hereafter to be acquired by the said Bradford, Eldred & Cuba Railroad Company; And also all the locomotives, engines, tenders, cars, coaches, carriages, shop tools and machinery, and all the franchises, rights, privileges, and all other corporate property, real and personal, of the Bradford, Eldred & Cuba Railroad Company including the leasehold estate about to be acquired in the Wellsville, Bolivar & Eldred Railroad Company and the Bradford, Eldred & Cuba Railroad Company of the state of Pennsylvania, whether heretofore acquired and now held and owned or hereafter to be acquired by the Bradford, Eldred & Cuba Railroad Company and all and singular the tolls, incomes, earnings and profits of the Bradford, Eldred & Cuba Railroad Company; and also all the estate, right, title and interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said Bradford, Eldred & Cuba Railroad Company of, in and to the same, and every parcel and part thereof, with the appurtenances.

Dated, Angelica, N. Y., Sep. 26, 1892.
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No. 37 Wall St., New York.

The above sale is hereby adjourned to Wednesday, December 14, 1892, at the same place and hour.

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will furnish a series of six sketches entitled "JERSEY STREET AND JERSEY LANE." Illustrated.

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will relate the further experiences of Fred and Josephine in "A SEQUEL TO THE REFLECTIONS OF A MARRIED MAN." Illustrated.

Harold Frederic

will contribute a political novel of great power, entitled THE COPPERHEAD.

By The Author of "Jerry."

Miss S. B. Elliott, the author of "Jerry," will write a novelette of life among the Tennessee mountaineers, "THE DURKET SPERRET."

Personal Reminiscences.

SOME UNPUBLISHED LETTERS OF CARLYLE TO EDWARD IRVING and others, dealing with a part of Carlyle's life far different from that brought out in the recent literature of Carlyle reminiscences. RECOLLECTIONS OF LINCOLN AND SUMNER. By the late MARQUIS DE CHAMBRUN. Both articles are full of new matter. AN ARTIST IN JAPAN. By Robert Blum, who has just returned from a residence of nearly two years in that country. Abundantly illustrated by the author. HISTORIC MOMENTS, which have been a feature of the magazine during 1892, will be continued by some particularly striking papers, among them several by the great war correspondents, William H. Russell, Archibald Forbes, and others.

Men's Occupations.

A series of articles on the life work of men in many callings, the chief ways exclusive of professions in which men earn their livelihood.

The World's Fair in Chicago.

A series will be published later on the year giving the impressions made by the exhibition upon different observers of note, both American and foreign, and many of these observers will be also artists who will illustrate their own articles.

Miscellaneous Articles.

Further contributions to the POOR IN GREAT CITIES. Mrs. Burnett's illustrated paper on the London plan for HOME AID TO INVALID CHILDREN, etc. Of special interest also will be PEARY RELIEF EXPEDITION illustrated, a very interesting article by Octave Uzanne on the exhibition of WOMAN'S ART now going on in Paris; articles upon artistic subjects, accounts of travels, etc., etc.

The Illustrations

of the year will represent the work not only of the well known illustrators, but many drawings will also appear by artists who are best known as painters.

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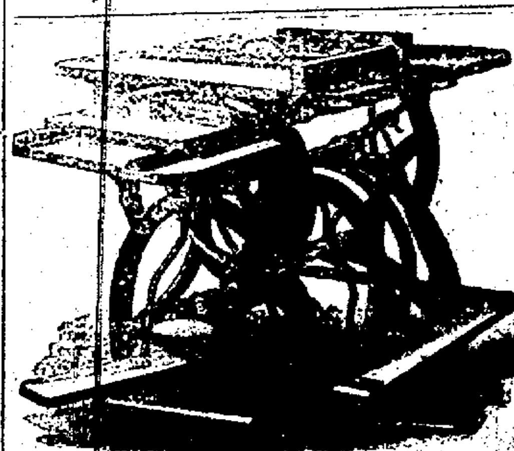

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[illegible] and New York *World*

[illegible] and *Cosmopolitan Magazine* [illegible]

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[illegible] *Demorest Family* [illegible]

[illegible] *National Tribune*,

[illegible] *Home Market Bul*[illegible]

[illegible] *Scribner's Magazine*

[illegible] GENERAL.

[illegible]

[illegible] grand hotel at Olean. The hotel which will be erected on the site of the present Olean House, will be one of the finest in that part of the State.

—Crosby Tent, K. O. T. M., accompanied by the Maccabee band of that place, went to Turtle point last Saturday where they assisted in instituting a new tent of that order. The new organization starts out under very flattering prospects.

—The grocery store of W. J. Carr, at Mt. Jewett, was destroyed by fire, together with the contents, on Tuesday morning. The loss is estimated at $2000. In an adjoining building, owned by Brown & Hoskins, the stock was damaged by water to the extent of $100.

—Dr. S. D. Freeman of Smethport, member of the Board of County Visitors, appointed by the State Board of Charities, inspected the Bradford City hospital and police station. He was enthusiastic in his praise of the hospital and found no fault with the city prison.—*Era Tuesday*.

Dr. E. J. Sharp, of Austin formerly of this place, has been appointed Medical Director of the Lakewood Sanitarium, on Lake Chautauqua, and will enter upon his duties January 1st next. The doctor will take to his new field of labor valuable experience, which cannot but redound to the benefit of the institution.

—We are indebted to Hon. C. W. Stone for a bound copy of the addresses made in Congress last January on the presentation of the portraits of ex-Speakers Grow and Randall. Addresses were made by Messrs. Stone, Wright, McAleer and [illegible] of Pennsylvania, Henderson of Iowa and Holman of Indiana and all were excellent.

The Cherry Creek, N. Y. *News*, one of the bright stars of our exchanges, and always a welcome visitor to our table, entered upon its eighth volume last week. The *News* gives evidence of a prosperity, which we hope will be continued. Brother Shultz is to be congratulated [illegible] publishing a paper which has come to be the favorite [illegible] of his locality.

The Harrisburg *Patriot* says, Hon. L. D. Hamlin of Emporium [illegible]. We are very glad to state that Mr. Hamlin [illegible] Emporium and [illegible] Brothers [illegible] the opportunity [illegible].

An organization [illegible] of [illegible] Lakewood Sanitarium [illegible] at Lakewood. Among the list of officers we [illegible] the name of [illegible] of this place [illegible] of the Vice Presidents. [illegible]

[illegible] Mulligan, of [illegible] township [illegible] the Messrs. [illegible] Eldred to E. H. Norse, who is now the sole proprietor. Mr. Norse [illegible] that [illegible] the old McElhaney [illegible] building at that place and will open a first-class shop for the business, which [illegible] rapidly increasing. The work is being pushed forward and it is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy about January 1st.

The Cherry Creek *News* [illegible] this piece of sarcasm: "It is a [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the road reeds [illegible] of the grand ball and public installation of [illegible] K. O. T. M. [illegible] Friday evening [illegible] week at their [illegible]. Everybody who can, will attend, [illegible] The Crosby [illegible] reputation [illegible] Smethport will be well represented on this occasion.

There is a great deal of cleansing power in [illegible] potato. [illegible] potatoes are used to produce a snowy whiteness [illegible] potatoes as a substitute, and [illegible] shirts with them. As a matter of fact, potatoes will remove stains which fail to yield to soap [illegible]

A congregation that completely filled the edifice assembled at the Baptist church on Sunday afternoon to hear the special sermon on Odd Fellowship delivered by Rev. G. W. Hallowell, on the invitation of the local lodge and we think all who were present will bear out the assertion that the sermon was a masterly [illegible]. The Odd Fellows, to the number of fifty, assembled at their hall and proceeded to the church in a body, clothed in regalia, under the leadership of [illegible], and presented a very fine appearance.

It has long been conceded that Smethport was sadly in need of a sewerage system as a sanitary protection, that the large amount of sickness at certain seasons is due solely to the lack of such a system. The borough authorities have had prepared plans and specifications for a trunk sewer and the subject of bonding the borough for funding it will be submitted to a vote of the people at the February election. The cost we understand will be small as compared to the benefits to be derived. We will have more to say on this subject later.

The year of greatest growth in boys is the seventeenth year, in girls the fourteenth. While girls acquire their full height in their fifteenth year they acquire full weight at the age of 20. Boys are stronger than girls from birth to the eleventh year, then girls become physically superior until the seventeenth year when the tables are turned and remain so. From November to April children grow very little and gain no weight, and from April to June they gain in height but lose in weight, and from July to November they increase greatly in weight but not in height.

The members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit association are arranging for their second annual ball, to be held at the opera house on Tuesday evening, January 3d next. The tickets for the dance have been placed at one dollar and supper will be served on the stage. The arrangements have been placed in the hands of the following committee: Jas. A. McKean, Thomas H. Purtle and D. H. Quinlisk. The supper will be under the supervision of Mrs. D. H. Quinlisk, Mrs. J. A. McKean and Mrs. Thomas H. Purtle. Roscoe's orchestra of DuBois will furnish the music. If the first annual ball given by this organization is a criterion to judge by a great treat is in store for the devotees of terpsichore in Smethport.

Mrs. Joe Kelly visited Bradford this week.

Jas. Williams made Bradford a business visit this week.

Elisha K. Kane, of Kane, was about town Tuesday.

E. B. Dolley was over from Port Allegany Wednesday.

Orlo Hamlin and Fred McElroy are home from college for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Pierce will spend the holidays in Warren, returning January 2d.

Fred. Gallup and Paul Hamlin are home from Yale college for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Lucretia Hamlin, who has been visiting relatives in Brooklyn, is expected home to-day.

Mrs. L. W. Dunn is visiting friends and relatives at Lock Haven. She will be absent four or five weeks.

Attorney C. W. Catlin, of Port Allegany, made the MINER office a pleasant call while in town on Tuesday.

Miss Theresa M. Kickath, of Kasson, Pa., is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. James Quirk, of this place.

Prof. G. C. Horton, of Olean, is assisting in the tonsorial parlors of Alfred Sturdivant. Mr. Horton is a skilled razor slinger.

J. A. Foster, of [illegible], and one of the [illegible] citizens of [illegible] township, is spending the winter with his family at Rochester.

Mrs. E. J. Knapp and son Ross left Saturday for Rochester, N. Y., where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Knapp's daughter, Mrs. E. A. Lewis. Miss Lou Knapp will join them there the last of the week.

[illegible] Hafford entertained a number of his friends at the residence of his parents, on Saturday evening. The occasion was the twenty-first anniversary of his birthday and [illegible] a very pleasant [illegible]. We hope [illegible] many [illegible] occasions.

Harry H. Bell, the gentlemanly advance agent of the Irishman's Luck Company, was a caller at the MINER office Tuesday. Mr. Bell [illegible] that the company [illegible] every respect [illegible] New York and [illegible] [illegible]

Landlord Taylor, of the [illegible] at Smethport, was the first to send in [illegible] Christmas present to the *Eagle* [illegible] Frank is always getting the start of everybody [illegible] [illegible] *Eagle*.

Mr. [illegible] McComas and Miss [illegible] were united in marriage at the [illegible] of the bride's mother, Mrs. [illegible] at East Smethport, on Tuesday evening [illegible] Rev. [illegible]. The newly wedded [illegible] [illegible]

Election of Officers

MASONIC

At [illegible] McKean Lodge, No. [illegible] F. & A. M. held on Wednesday evening of last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

[illegible]

[illegible]

At [illegible] of Smethport Grand Army [illegible] Wednesday evening of that week the following officers [illegible] the ensuing year:

[illegible]

At a meeting of J. S. Melvin Post, No. [illegible] G. A. R., of Bradford, held on Wednesday evening of last week the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

[illegible]

The Post Record

Commander Sanford has received the bound volume which is to contain the military record of each member of Post [illegible] G. A. R. It is a magnificent work, filled with elegant engravings and handsomely bound. The volume is the gift of the [illegible] Messrs. [illegible] D. Hamlin, H. Hamlin, Lafferty, H. [illegible] John Forrest, F. W. Mason, Seth J. [illegible] ford and Walter [illegible]. It will be presented to the Post at an open meeting in the near future. Hon. B. D. Hamlin will make the presentation speech, and Hon. J. A. Morrison will accept the gift on the part of the Post. The date of the meeting will be announced hereafter.

Do You Ever Wear Rubber Boots or Shoes?

A small lot of first class goods will be sold out at cost. Mens snag proof boots which are sold at $4 00 now only $3 00. Mens sporting boots at $2 25. Boys rubber boots sold at $2 25 now only $1 75. Mens overshoes only [illegible] cents a pair. Ladies rubbers [illegible] cents. Misses rubbers 27 cents. Youths rubbers 40 cents and childrens only 25 cents.

Come early to secure bargains and see for yourself that this is no scheme or fake sale. ALBERT ANDERSON,

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I was a sufferer from catarrh for fifteen years with distressing pains over the eyes. I used Ely's Cream Balm with gratifying results. Am apparently cured. Z. C. Warren, Rutland, Vermont.

H. E. Wilson has the exclusive agency for the celebrated Cullison's New York Count oysters, which he is furnishing in bulk for family use and serving in every style at his restaurant in door east of the Chautauqua House.

To your Interest.

When in Bradford call on Ike Simons, for Fine Hats and furnishing goods. Honest goods at Honest prices is our motto, and one price for everybody. Ike Simons, 30 Main St., Bradford, Pa.

Small in size, great in results. DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Best pills for Constipation, best, for sour stomach. They never gripe.

[illegible] will be observed in our [illegible] church with [illegible]

St. Luke's Church.

The first Christmas services in the new church will be celebrated with much rejoicing, and with the elaborate festival music which the choir of this church are so capable of rendering.

The Christmas Eve service will be on Saturday, the 24th, at 7:30, with a short address to the children by the Rector. The following is the order of music for this service:

Processional Hymn, No. 19.

Choral Evensong.—Tenth selection........

"Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis."

Anthem.—Isaiah, 9, 11. Solo—Miss Hattie Waller.

Carols:—

"Sleep my Savior Sleep."

"Sing we Merry Christmas."

"See amid the Winter's Snow."

"Venite Adoremus Dominum."

Solo by Master Charles McCoy.

Recessional Hymn, returning, No. 281

The Christmas gifts to the children will be presented on Christmas day at the 12 m service in St. Luke's chapel.

The order of service for Christmas day is as follows:

First celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a. m. Morning prayer at 10. Second celebration of Holy Communion at 10:30 a. m. Choral Evensong at 7:30 with festival anthems.

At the 10:30 a. m. service the program of music will be:

Processional Hymn, 19

Introit — Psalm 45

Communion Service "Missa Coelestis" by Dr. Arthur Henry Brown, 1 Kyrie, 2 Credo, 3 Sanctus, 4 Benedictus, 5 Agnus Dei, 6 Gloria in Excelsis.

At the Offertory

[illegible] Te Deum — Tours

Recessional Hymn returning No. 58.

ALL SAINTS CHAPEL

The Christmas eve service will be held at All Saints Memorial Chapel, East Smethport, on Saturday, Dec. 24 at 4 p. m. The chapel has been decorated by the ladies of the guild, who have also provided a tree and gifts for the children of the Sunday school. There will be a sermon and singing of Christmas carols before the lighting of the tree, and Rev. Mr. McCandless will make a short address to the children. There will be services on Christmas day in the chapel at 3 p. m. with a fine selection of festival music.

ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH

High mass will be celebrated at the St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Rev. Father J. J. [illegible]allighan officiating, at 10:30 a. m. The music will be a leading feature of the service, and will be as follows:

Kyrie	Smith
Gloria	Farmer
Credo	Smith
Sanctus	Farmer
Agnus Dei	Lambillotte
Veni te Adoremus	Gilbert

M. E. CHURCH

On Christmas morning a Christmas sermon, choral and anthems will be given at the M. E. church. In the evening at [illegible] o'clock the following programme will be given:

[illegible]	Congregation
Prayer	Rev. F. E. Hem[illegible]
Scripture Selection	F. G. Lindholm
Anthem—"Hark! Angels Sing"	Choir
Recitation—"Christmas Chimes"	Jones Hobler
Recitation—[illegible]	Inez Hibbard
[illegible]	Congregation
A Great Christmas Thought	Mattie Brennan
Exercise by [illegible]	
[illegible]	Miss Bertha Greer
Recitation—Flowers	Six girls
A Lesson from the Manger	
	Rev. F. E. Hem[illegible]
[illegible]—The Lord is King	Choir
[illegible]	Congregation
	Benediction

BAPTIST CHURCH

[illegible] Baptist [illegible] will be held at Kittredge opera house [illegible] Saturday evening at 7 o'clock when a Sacred Operetta or Cantata will be given assisted by the choirs of the Baptist and other churches under the direction of Prof. [illegible] Hard. A Christmas tree is also provided and the distribution of gifts will be an interesting feature.

On Christmas Day the subject for discourse at 10:30 a. m. is "The Decision of the Shepherds." Sunday school at 10:30 and History bible class at the same hour. Young People's prayer meeting at 6:30 lead by Mrs. Hallowell. Evening service at 7:30, subject "Follow Christ." Immediately after the sermon the ordinance of Baptism will be administered.

Court Proceedings.

Court adjourned on Saturday afternoon last. Much business was transacted during the two closing days but the cases disposed of were mostly devoid of interest. On Saturday Judge Morrison censured in open court the [illegible] of [illegible] for neglect of duty in not returning those selling liquor without a license and for keeping bawdy houses. The owners [illegible] for such purposes were also censured.

Calvin Hancock was brought into court and application made by Mr. M[illegible] that he be admitted to bail. After hearing the testimony of George Hutchison the application was denied and Hancock was returned to jail.

In the afternoon the following sentences were imposed:

Pearl McBride selling liquor without a license, $[illegible] fine and costs and 1 year in the county jail and for keeping bawdy house 6 months in jail.

Ida Kelley selling liquor without a license and keeping bawdy house, $500 and costs and 11 months in county jail.

Dell Boslird, keeping a disorderly house, eight months in the county jail. Judge Morrison expressed surprise that the jury had acquitted Dell on the charge of selling liquor without a license as it was evident she was as guilty as either Pearl McBride or Ida Kelley.

Jessie Johnson arrested on a bench warrant, was fined $10 and costs and ten days in jail.

Mark Bigler assault and battery, eight months in jail, with $100 fine and costs.

Elmer Jones, convicted of stealing a watch will be sent to the reform school at Morganza.

John Sweeney, larceny, 18 months in the Western Penitentiary.

James McKinley, four months in jail.

[illegible] Doermeyer of Port Allegany, larceny was acquitted on one charge and and immediately arrested on two others.

Look out for Cold Weather.

[illegible] ride inside of the Electric lighted and steam heated vestibule apartment trains of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, and you will be as warm, comfortable and cheerful as in your own library or boudoir. To travel between Chicago, Omaha and Sioux City in these luxuriously appointed trains, is a supreme satisfaction and, as the somewhat ancient advertisement used to read, "for further particulars see small bills." Small bills (and large ones too) will be accepted for passage and sleeping car tickets. For detailed information, address John R. Pott, District passenger agent, Williamsport, Pa.

Simple Questions Simply Answered.

Why do people very often allow a cold to run on? Because they think it will wear away. Why does the cough that at first caused no alarm become deep seated and chronic? Because the proper remedy was not used. The way to break up a cold or cough, no matter if other medicines failed to benefit you, is to try Pan-Tina, the great remedy for coughs, colds and consumption. 25 and 50 cents, at Frank E. Foster's.

Interesting News Items From Various Localities Picked up by Our Regular Correspondents.

CLERMONT.

Mrs. H. [illegible] has been under the weather for several days.

Ed. [illegible] has moved his family into a house near Boyle's mill.

The parties who will drill a gas well at this place will make a fortune.

A good many of the school children are home from school nursing bad colds.

A. J. McKendrick will be a candidate for road supervisor at the next election.

Samuel [illegible], of Kasson, candidate for Supervisor, was in town Monday.

Mrs. John Missell and daughter Lena have returned from their trip to St. Marys.

Col. G. W. Weaver, of Quinton, was in town last Saturday looking as young as ever.

Your correspondent is under many obligations to Postmaster Butts for favors extended.

Mrs. W. E. Butts and daughter, Lula combined business with pleasure at Olean last Friday.

John F. Keating, manager of the Buffalo coal mines, is doing a big business. Nearly fifty men are employed.

Leonard Keotig of Smethport, has opened a dry goods and gents furnishing store in the Nelson block.

James Maloney, general foreman at the coal mines, gives good satisfaction. He is highly spoken of by all the men.

Miss Lillie Belknap has returned from school at Lock Haven and will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Belknap.

Friend McCabe came up from [illegible] yesterday, as good natured as ever. He said it was a good joke—if only some one would believe it.

L. Hager spent several days last week in Buffalo selecting Christmas goods. As you know where to go to get latest styles at lowest price.

Christmas will soon be here and Santa Claus also, but who ever heard of a newspaper correspondent getting a present? Echo answers no one.

When you want a good shoe for yourself or any member of your family at a reasonable price, don't forget to call in and [illegible] Andrew Schlieff.

When selecting Christmas presents [illegible] to go to Mrs. F. [illegible] Steinhauer's largest [illegible]. At a reasonable price you can get [illegible] you want for a suitable present.

[illegible]

We have another barber in town. [illegible] a [illegible] that will keep [illegible] we would [illegible].

Mrs. M. L. Sherwin, whom we reported ill last week, we are sorry to say is no better [illegible].

C. J. Mahoney is soon to start a grocery in one of the store rooms in the [illegible] House. Competition is the spice of trade; so all are welcome.

It is reported that Ella, the accomplished daughter of W. L. Robison, was married in Limestone, N. Y., last Saturday, to A. G. Kalebrook, a popular engineer on the K. & P. road, and that the happy couple have gone east on the usual bridal trip.

This will be a lively week in our little town. The Home Dramatic Club gave drama "Above the Clouds," Tuesday evening. The schools will give an entertainment Friday evening. On Friday afternoon the primary school will have a tree, and on Saturday evening there will be one in the M. E. Church.

We learn with sincere regret of the death of John Hilton, who died at 7 a. m., Monday. Deceased leaves a wife and five children, three of whom are at Lima, N. Y., attending school, and will probably reach home to-day (Monday). Mr. Hilton was superintendent and also one of the firm of the Chemical Co. at Tainter Switch, about a mile from this place. He was a man universally liked and one who was never known to be ill, so his death is a great shock to all. We will be able to give particulars in our next letter.

Last Friday evening was a memorable one for the Rebecca Lodge in this place. First they initiated eight candidates in the mysteries of that degree viz: W. L. Hyde and wife, W. W. Lemmon, W. L. Foster and wife, F. Wagner, Mrs. Hattie Mahoney and J. H. Brown. Next came installation of officers by Past Grand Maggie Everetts for the ensuing term of six months: N. G., Mrs. Mary Holland; V. G., Mrs. Kate Wormsley; T. G., Mrs. [illegible]; [illegible]; [illegible] Mahoney, [illegible]; Mrs. Minnie Hyde, [illegible]; Mrs. Chas. Harling, [illegible]; Mrs. Hattie Mahoney, [illegible]; Mrs. May Foster [illegible]; Wm. [illegible]; John Hefner [illegible]; [illegible] W. H. Wormsley [illegible]; Maggie Everetts. After all the business had been transacted all repaired to W. L. Foster's residence, where an abundance of oysters and other [illegible] were in waiting [illegible].

PORT ALLEGANY

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KANE.

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COLEGROVE

Mr. A. W. Johnson, of Clymer, N. Y., has been attending to his lumber interests in this locality for the past week.

Preparations are being made to have a Christmas tree and Christmas services in the church next Saturday evening.

Misses Ethel and Nellie Wright, of Coudersport, have been visiting relatives here [illegible] for the past few days.

[illegible] the residence of Albert Olmsted [illegible] for the past few [illegible].

The Maccabees are making preparations for a very fine time at their public installation of officers on the 5th inst. in the Crosby hall.

About thirty of the members of the K. O. T. M. of Crosby went to Turtle Point last Saturday to help in organizing a tent in that place.

Rev. Messrs. Mynard and Tubbs are holding a series of revival meetings in the Union church. Much interest is manifested in the meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bartlett drove to Smethport last Sunday to hear the address delivered by Rev. Hallowell pertaining to the I. O. O. F. organization.

The people at Norwich are raising money to purchase an organ to be placed in the school house at that place. Over $[illegible] was taken in at the entertainment given for that purpose last Friday evening.

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DUKE CENTER

[illegible]

Notice

I sell the celebrated Pillsbury's Best flour every sack warranted. Try it and if not good or better than any flour in the market I will take it back. No charge [illegible].

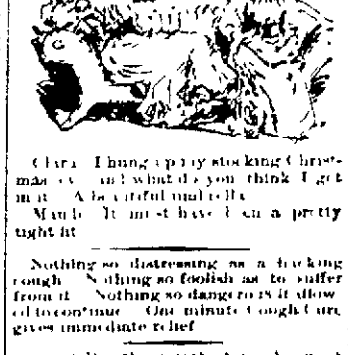
Persons who have brought grist to be ground [illegible] call for the same.

C. F. BARRETT

Lane's Family Medicine Moves the Bowels Each day. Most people need to use it.

Success in everything depends largely upon good health. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are little health producing pills. See the point. Then take an Early Riser.

Close Quarters



Clara—I hung up my stocking Christmas eve and what do you think I got in it? A beautiful umbrella.

Maude—It must have been a pretty tight fit.

Nothing so distressing as a hacking cough. Nothing so foolish as to suffer from it. Nothing so dangerous as to allow it to continue. One minute Cough Cure gives immediate relief.

Sweet Breath, sweet stomach, sweet temper all result from the use of DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills.

Coughing Leads to Consumption

Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once.

The Frohout Gold Cure

Dr. F. J. Frohout of Omaha, Neb., has located a branch institute at Bradford, Pa., for permanent cure of liquor, opium, morphine and tobacco.

The cure is one that has been in use for 18 months, and up to date the success of the treatment has been equal to any treatment known.

The Institute is under the personal supervision of Dr. U. G. Meese, who will gladly answer any inquiries made regarding the cure, treatment or sale of territory for opening of branch institutes.

FROHOUT GOLD CURE

Bradford, McKean Co., Pa.

Fall and Winter.

1892.

The new Dunlap hat is now ready for your inspection, this hat needs no comments, other than being the best hat in the world. Ike Simons, 30 Main St. Bradford, Pa. Sole Agent for McKean Co.

[illegible] people [illegible]

A fine line of confectionery, nuts, and fruits for the holidays at H. F. Wiser's.

One-fourth of the land surface of the globe is occupied by English speaking people.

—Piles of people have piles, but DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure them. Sold by A. B. Armstrong.

There are 120 duly qualified female medical practitioners in the United Kingdom.

Think of it! Single harnesses from eight dollars up, at Gleason and Lemmler's.

Men with grey and blue eyes are usually better marksmen than those with dark eyes.

Go to M. L. Armstrong's for your holiday goods. He can suit the most fastidious.

In olden times deformed people were kept out of sight by being thrown into prison.

Something new in the line of collars. Gleason & Lemmler have just received what is termed a cork collar. Call in and examine it before purchasing elsewhere.

The world's production of the golden metal was in 1891 6,010 000 ounces.

For pains in the stomach, colic and cholera morbus there is nothing better than Chamberlain's Colic, cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist.

The meteorological editor of a Mississippi paper in describing the weather one day said the "roughing rain sizzled and sizzled."

I have been a great sufferer from dry catarrh for many years, and I tried many remedies, but none did me so much benefit as Ely's Cream Balm. It completely cured me. M. J. Lally, 39 Woodward Ave., Boston Highlands, Mass.

In Portugal the wine treading is done by a gang of men dancing to the music of a bagpipe. The work is hard, the weather warm, the results indescribable.

After using Ely's Cream Balm two months I was surprised to find that the right nostril, which was closed over twenty years was open and as free as the other and can use it now as I could not do for many years. I feel very thankful. R. H. Cressenghan, 275 18th St. Brooklyn.

English Spavin Liniment removes all hard, soft or calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavins, curbs, splints, sweeney, ring-bone, stifles, all swollen throats, coughs, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful blemish cure ever known. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

The Bazaar

NOW REDUCTIONS!

CLOAKS, CLOAKS,

Some of the Magnets Which Attract the Crowds.

It is usually customary to make sweeping reductions in cloaks in January. We shall not wait till then, when nearly everybody is supplied with wraps and jackets, but right now in season we shall inaugurate one of the greatest reduction sales in cloaks and dress goods ever attempted in this city. Don't put off a day but come at once to the largest dry goods store and buy your winter garment.

Ladies', Misses', and Children's Cloaks,

all reduced. Every garment has been re-marked. A reduction of $1 to $5 00 most any garment. Childrens long coat were $[illegible] now $[illegible]; our $[illegible] line at $4; our $[illegible] line at $[illegible]; our $7 50 line at $[illegible]; our $[illegible] line at $7.

Ladies jackets reduced like this: Our $[illegible] line at $3 50, our $[illegible] line at $[illegible]; our $7 50 line at $[illegible], our $12 50 grades at $10, our $[illegible] assortment at $12 and so on. Every garment shows a bona fide reduction, $1 to $5. We could go on and mention [illegible] but it isn't necessary. Come at once, that's better.

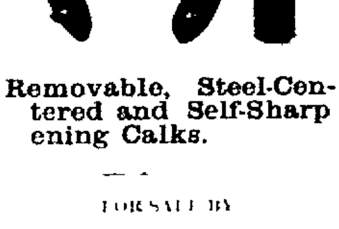
NOTICE.—Our grand Holiday Opening takes place Thursday evening, Dec. [illegible]. On and after that date our store will open evenings. Watch for the opening. We carry a large line of Holiday Goods.

THE BAZAAR,

THE

TRADE NEVERSLIP MARK

HORSESHOE.



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Best Acme Patent	$1 30 per sk.	
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Our grocery department is now complete. We have a line of the finest goods and the prices lower than ever.

HOLIDAY COUNTER,

Christmas presents in endless varieties.

Our holiday department is full of all kinds of goods suitable for the holiday season, come to our store and you can find anything you are looking for, and the prices are the lowest.

We also have a beautiful line of gents house slippers in wine color, nut brown and black, in all widths, just the thing for the old gent's comfort or the young gent.

STICKNEY, RITCHIE & CO.

General Merchants. Smethport, Pa., Opposite Court House.

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—AT—

Mrs. T. D. NASH'S,

We have spared no pains in securing christmas goods of the very latest styles and paterns. We could have purchased a larger stock very cheaply, but did not, preferring a smaller stock of later designs. Our stock consists of

Bisque and China Dolls Dolls Heads

Dressed dolls, Metal furniture, rocking chairs, dolls carriages, child's sets, glass balls, candles and candle holders, tin trumpets, cymballets, auto albums, towel rings, celluloid handkerchief cases and wisp broom holders, perfumery, rdsh bags, china sets, cups and saucers,

Christmas Cards, Perfume Cases, Napkins, Towels;

Call and examine our goods and price and if you really desire to purchase, we will do the rest.

Mrs. T. D. NASH.

Smethport, Pa., Dec. 15, 1892

It has been truthfully said,

"IT PAYS TO BUY FOR CASH."

It has also been clearly demonstrated

"IT PAYS TO SELL FOR CASH."

These facts have been taught me by the best of all teachers, "EXPERIENCE."

I cannot afford to make my customers pay for a whole page of advertising in this valuable paper so will speak my little piece in a small one column ad., which I trust is sufficient to point the public in the right direction to

SAVE -:- MONEY

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D. C. YOUNG'S.

I have recently spent several days in New York carefully considering the wants of my many customers. I have now in stock a complete variety of articles, both useful and ornamental, suitable [illegible]

HOLIDAY PRESENTS,

for a man, woman or child.

I will for the next 365 days, commencing to day, Dec. 1st, 1892 give a genuine bargain for every $1, $5, $10 or $15 purchase made at my store. Remember this opportunity remains open for one year at least, subject to change for the better without further notice. No samples on exhibition, but the genuine articles. We continue to show goods regardless of trouble,

I have already had a call from Santa Claus, and am now ready for a call from you. I also have a

GROCERY DEPARTMENT

and keep the best. Respectfully,

D. C. YOUNG,

Smethport, Pa., Dec., 1892 Cor Main and Union Sts.

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[illegible] has reached the [illegible] The only Natural [illegible] in the world. No poisonous [illegible] by a mineral product. Grows mustache and whiskers. Cures Dandruff permanently, stops hair falling out. It is readily absorbed and its use will leave no greasy after-effect. Satisfaction guaranteed. Sold by all druggists. 50 cents per bottle, two bottles direct, express prepaid, on receipt of price. Put on the trade only by the

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Don't lose your chance but buy while the fire is hot. Rather than move the goods we will give the people a chance.

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A SPECIAL CONTRACT [illegible] THE MINER [illegible] year

For only $1.25, cash in advance

New York Weekly Tribune [illegible]
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Total [illegible]

WE FURNISH BOTH PAPERS ONE YEAR FOR $1.25.

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LOOK -:- HERE.

Read and Be Wise!

On and after April 15, 1892, the undersigned will give every cash customer trading at his store to the amount of $25 their choice of one of the following beautiful articles of Silverware free of charge:

Silver Plated Sugar Bowl.
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Silver Plated Spoon Holder.
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Set Silver Plated Knives
Set Silver Plated Forks.

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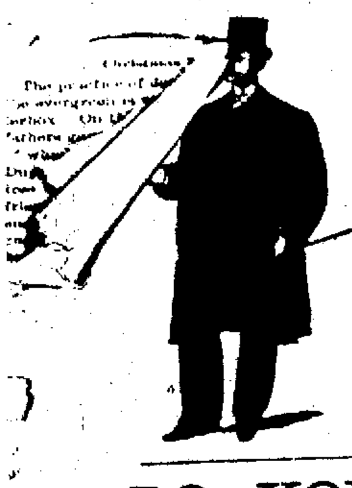
P. D. HOPKINS,

Smethport, Pa., April 14, 1892.



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Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Smethport Odd Fellows Hall Association, will be held Wednesday, December 23d, 1892, in Odd Fellows Hall at 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of Directors of said association, to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be done according to law. The books for the transfer of stock will be closed two weeks before the meeting and remain closed for two weeks after.

J. H. TATE, President.
H. McCOY [illegible], Secretary.

Dissolution Notice

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing under the name of C. T. Chase & Co. has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, and accounts owing said firm are now due and payable to C. A. Backer, East Smethport.

C. T. CHASE.
C. A. BACKER.

East Smethport Pa., Dec. 2, 1892.

For Sale.

A pair of heavy oxen will be sold at a moderate price, on 8 or 9 months time, for good paper if desired. Apply to James Dennison, on farm near East Smethport.

Notice

All persons are forbidden to cut wood or timber on the land known as the Buffalo Coal Co. tract. [illegible] & Co.

"I agreed to this, for the little nigger was such a devil that I could do nothin with him, and as for the one tarrapin it didn't signify the snap of a finger. But how the king of the tarrapin was to travel so far in a few hours I couldn't see. The ole doctor said that was his business; all he wanted was for me to shake hands on the bargain. I reached out my hand and shook, and feelin in the palm of my hand somethin sharp, like claws, I looked and I swar the ole feller had hands like the fore feet of a big snappin turtle.

"Soon as the bargain was clinched the ole critter went to the door of the tent and began to shake his rattle. In 'bout a minute a tarrapin come marchin in and set up on end before the ole doctor.

"The ole man told me this was the tarrapin I must give him. I said, 'All right, take the darn thing,' for you see I was skeered of it when I seed it set up on end.

"The ole man took the tarrapin up in his hands and began talkin to it in some kind of hoodoo lingo. Turnin to me he told me he was instructin the tarrapin to go and bring the 'king.'

"'If that's it,' said I, 'he'll git him here 'bout this time next year.'

"The ole nig said nothin; just made a motion for me to come outside the tent.

"A full moon was shinin bright as day. The ole man held the tarrapin out on his open right hand and began talkin to it. All at once, as I'm a livin sinner, there come out from the sides of that tarrapin's shell two wings like the wings of a bat, only ten times bigger, and away it sailed like a bird.

"When I seed this I thought I'd drap. I was just divin into the tent when the ole man grabbed me by the collar and hauled me back. Again he began to shake his rattle and soon I heard the sound of a bell. Nearer and nearer it come till it sounded clear and beautiful close by. A little black cloud passed over the moon, a dark shadder rushed towards us from somewar and the bell fell at the feet of the ole doctor.

"It was 'bout the size of a sheep bell, round in shape and bright as silver. The sound of it had set all the tarrapin in motion. They came toards the tent from all quarters, climbin on one another's backs till they were three tarrapin deep round the ole hoodoo doctor.

"The ole feller then took from among the possum skins at his waist a long line of twisted hair and takin the collar of snake heads from his neck he tied the cord to it and hung on the bell. He then told me to put the bell and collar on the king of the tarrapin when he arrived and to lead him by the cord when I was ready to move off with my drove.

"I asked if he would take the little nigger, seein he was startin off. He said no; he'd take him when he wanted him, meantime he'd leave him to bring up the rear of my drove. I said the boy was of no account. 'I'll make him some count,' said the doctor, and haulin the little nigger out o' the corner of the tent whar he was snoozin or pretendin to snooze, he buzzed in his ear for awhile, then told me the boy would be all right. This done, he passed out at the door of his tent [illegible] behind him [illegible] till I heard a great noise.

"I curled up for a nap, and had been asleep a couple of hours when a noise like the flight of millions of wild pigeons [illegible] of the sea waked me. I got up and found it was broad daylight. My first look was at the sky, for I thought a cyclone was coming. All was clear overhead, but the [illegible] kept on. Looking to the ground I then saw thousands of acres of tarrapin standin on end [illegible]

"Says I to myself, 'it must be that the king of tarrapins has just arrived.' Goin back of the tent what did I see but a turtle with a back shell on him as big as the top of an omnibus. Hearin my step the monster rose upon his feet. He stood five feet high, and his head [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Instead of droppin down in a faint the little [illegible] jump up [illegible] the big turtle put his arms round his neck and began to kiss his ugly mouth. I expected every minute to see the boy's head snapped off, but the big turtle seemed to rather like the fooling.

"While I was at breakfast the [illegible] of acres of tarrapin [illegible] Takin the collar and bell out, I went up to the tarrapin king. He held down his neck and I fastened on the collar. Thinks I, 'ole feller, you've been well trained.' The big turtle give his [illegible] and at the sound of the bell all the tarrapin for miles 'round raised their heads.

"Next I piled my tent and other traps on the back of the big turtle, and takin the hair rope, struck my course and lit out, tellin the darky boy to stand whar he was and bring up the rear. Lookin back after I had gone some distance the whole face of the country seemed in motion. Four solid sections of tarrapin followed the sound of the bell. After night they'd formed in a column twenty rods wide and several miles long.

"The tarrapin moved at a pretty fair gait, grazin an' pickin up their feed as they traveled, which I was glad to see. I'll not bother you with an account of the trip day by day and week by week. It is enough to say that I got along fine till after I struck the deserts and dry and gravelly plains of Colorado. Then my troubles began. The sharp stones made my tarrapin footsore. Soon they got so lame they could hardly travel. Finally I was obliged to stop at a big foundry, have shoes cast for them and git every mother's son of 'em shod. I had a set of shoes cast for the big turtle, but he wouldn't let me put 'em on. He raired and pitched, snorted, bellered and kicked the blacksmiths sprawling, so we had to let up on him.

"Next we got into great sandy plains whar water was scarce and the sun awful hot. There it was slow and lazy travelin. Findin that my big lead turtle was strong as an ox, I used to get on his back and ride most of the time.

"'Bout this time I noticed that my little nigger boy was allus a-sleepin out and packin his blanket. What he was up to I couldn't think. So one day I got off my bell turtle, tied the lead rope 'bout his neck and told him to go ahead. I stopped and stood by the side of the road while the column moved past. The ground was so paved with tarrapin that you couldn't have stuck your finger down between 'em.

"At last the rear of the column approached, and what did I see? That little nigger had spread his blanket out on the backs of the tarrapin, and ef he wasn't a-layin thar sound asleep I'm the biggest liar in the world. I took out my pistol to shoot him, but reflectin that he belonged to the hoodoo doctor, and also that I might kill a tarrapin, I let him alone.

"Soon the sand got worse. For four days we found no water. All the tarrapin was pantin like lizards. We was nearin the Platte river, but I was afeard of great loss before reachin it. However, we toiled on and at last I seed a stragglin line of cottonwood trees, and [illegible] the back of my turtle I [illegible] cried. 'Hurrah, the [illegible]'

"At this [illegible] the whole of the column of tarrapin smelt the water and stampeded. The king set off on a gallop for the river and all the rest follered, kickin up a great cloud of dust. I stood up and pulled on the halter of my big turtle, but couldn't turn him an inch. At last, seein he was goin straight into the river, I leaped from his back. I was just in time, for at the next jump he went over the bank into ten feet of water. The whole column of tarrapin follered, tumblin off the bank into the river in a solid sheet with a roar like a big milldam.

"I could only stand back, look on and tear my hair, for I seed that as fast as the tarrapin struck the water they went to the bottom. Owin to their heavy iron shoes they couldn't swim a lick.

"I danced about, swung my hat and shouted, tryin to head off and save a few acres of the tarrapin, but to git in front of 'em would have been as bad as gittin before a herd of buffalo, so I was obliged to see 'em all leap over the bank.

"I was as good as ruined, but I did have one laugh surprised out o' me. That was when the rear of the column came up and I see the little nig stretched on his blanket tossed to and fro as by the waves of the sea. Over he went into the river an' down to the bottom under a shower of tarrapin.

"One lone tarrapin stopped on the bank instead of jumpin into the water. Says I to myself, 'I'll just ketch [illegible] for luck.' I stooped to pick him up when out came a pair of wings and he sailed away across the river. If I hadn't seen this infernal flyin tarrapin before I'd have fainted an' tumbled into the river.

"I watched the devilish thing and seed it land near the opposite bank with a big splash. At the same spot and in an instant up to the surface comes the king of tarrapins, with the little darky on his back. The big turtle blowed a cloud of spray into the air like a spoutin whale, and when it cleared away I seed [illegible] and my little [illegible] the edge of the water and walk off into a little grove of [illegible]

[illegible]

"I told the [illegible] that I'd lost my whole [illegible] tarrapin that [illegible] and they had stampeded, jumped into the river and gone to the bottom [illegible] they would stay on account of the [illegible] on their feet. I didn't say a word about my hookin.

"The man [illegible] what I'd take for my whole drove of tarrapin as they lay at the bottom of the river. I asked what he'd [illegible] He said, 'Iron is worth [illegible] I might dredge [illegible] and git the shoes.'

"'What'll you give?' says I.

"'Enough to carry you to California,' says the feller.

"'It's a whack,' says I, and as soon as I had the money in my pocket I cut stick, believin the blame fool would back out. [illegible] this neck o' woods, and [illegible] I am yet and poor as Job's turkey."

"Did you never hear how the man came out who bought your terrapin drove?" asked a man of our party known as Colorado Joe.

"Never a word," said the Pike.

"Well," said Joe, "I can afford to treat on that trade."

"Are you the man I sold out to?"

"The very man."

"I swar," cried the Pike, "I thought I'd seed you before. Let me see you get up and walk. Just so—just so! You're the man that got his right kneecap split by a kick from my big bell turtle."

"There you see the scar," said Joe, baring his right leg.

"Wal, I swar!" cried the Pike. "Did you rekiver much iron?"

"About all the iron and terrapin also."

"The devil! The tarrapin too! Why how could you git the tarrapin when they were sunk in ten feet of water?" and the Pike began to look wild.

"No trick at all," said Joe. "I bought all the horseshoe magnets in Denver, stuck 'em onto the ends of poles and set a whole army of men and boys to fishing up the terrapins. At every prod they'd bring up a terrapin, and sometimes two or three, their iron shoes sticking fast to the magnets."

"Not alive, was they?" asked the Pike.

"Yep, all alive and kickin," said Joe. "Just nicely refreshed."

"See my dam luck!" cried the Pike, and he seemed ready to shed tears.

"As soon as I'd got out about ten acres of 'em," continued Joe, "and my blacksmiths had got the shoes off 'em, I sent 'em in a drove to a big swamp down the river. Out of the four sections of terrapins I only lost about nine acres. For ten years I had the biggest terrapin ranch in America."

"One thing more," said the Pike. "Did you never see anything of my big bell turtle what kicked your kneecap open?"

"Yep; I fixed him!"

"What?"

"Well, one day a man came riding to my house yelling: 'Joe, Joe, Joe! Joe, your terrapins is all marchin away from your ranch. Go an head 'em off or you'll lose every mother's son of 'em!'

"I mounted my horse and struck out. A column of terrapins five miles long was moving across the plain, the big bell turtle at the head steering straight back toward Missouri.

"I lassoed the old devil, but nothing could stop or turn him. He was as strong as a rhinoceros. He dragged me and my horse along as if we were mere toys. I says to myself, 'This is no human turtle,' and leaving my lasso on the old fellow's neck I went back home."

"You give in to him—you let him go?" cried the Pike.

"Nosep," said Joe, "I went home, molded some silver bullets, loaded my revolver with 'em and rode back.

"The column of terrapin was then at least ten miles long and moving over the plain like a [illegible] tapeworm. I commanded the big turtle to halt. He went on. [illegible] I [illegible] stop and turn back or I'd shoot. On he went. I stuck the pistol on its neck, just at the edge of his shell, and fired.

"At the crack of the pistol there fell at my feet an old white headed nigger and a stream of blood spouted out of his neck as big as a hoehandle. He gave an awful [illegible] and sat up and rolled his eyes at me.

"Up comes a terrapin and makes a dive for the bell that was on the old fellow's neck. It was a big terrapin and was getting bigger every second—expanding in every way.

"'Aha!' cried I, and I sent a silver bullet into the thing, when down tumbles a little nigger [illegible]

"Next minute something brushed me in the face that felt like a leather apron, and down drops a flying terrapin and grabs at the silver bell. I pops this one with a silver bullet, and before me lies an old nigger woman all a-kicking and a-squalling.

"In three minutes all three were dead, and I then took the silver bell and collar off the old man's neck. I started back toward home a-ringing the bell and the whole drove of terrapins turned about and marched after me. From that hour I was the [illegible] of the terrapins. I could lead 'em anywhere, though they'd never leave the swamp until they heard the music of that silver bell."

"Stranger, shake hands!" cried the Pike. "I hope you made half a million out'n them terrapin, and I don't begrudge [illegible] you've met [illegible] for all my troubles and losses. This is the happiest day of my life. [illegible] believe [illegible] but now [illegible] how the whole thing [illegible] truth!"

After a parting [illegible] the three Pikes took [illegible] They mounted Indian ponies [illegible] miles skirting the northern end of the lake. They parted the tall grass [illegible] right and left, as a farmer [illegible] the stalks when he passes through a field of growing grain. They made a [illegible] line for the ranching settlement lying to the westward of the lake along the timbered foothills of the Sierras.

Our chief of commissary looked after the retreating Pikes and said: "Three desperate and well matched cattle as I ever saw, and as capable drinkers!"

"Three tolerably capable liars," said our chief cook, who was always grumbling.

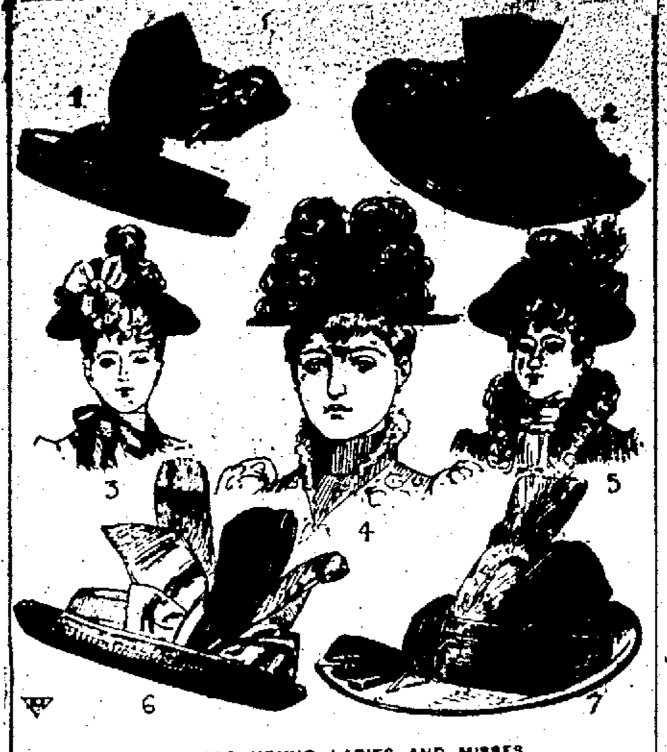
"The only thing worthy of a second thought in all their yarns," said the critic of our party, "is this: how came that fellow Lige to know that Colorado Joe here, a stranger to him, had a scar on the cap of his right knee?"

"Um, the fact is," said Joe, "I 'bunked' at the cabin of the three Pikes last night when you here thought I was lodged at a hotel in Franktown, at the other end of the lake."

Critic—Ah, I see! So it is to you we are indebted for the visit and peculiar style of entertainment we have been favored with today?

Colorado Joe—Yep!

THE END.



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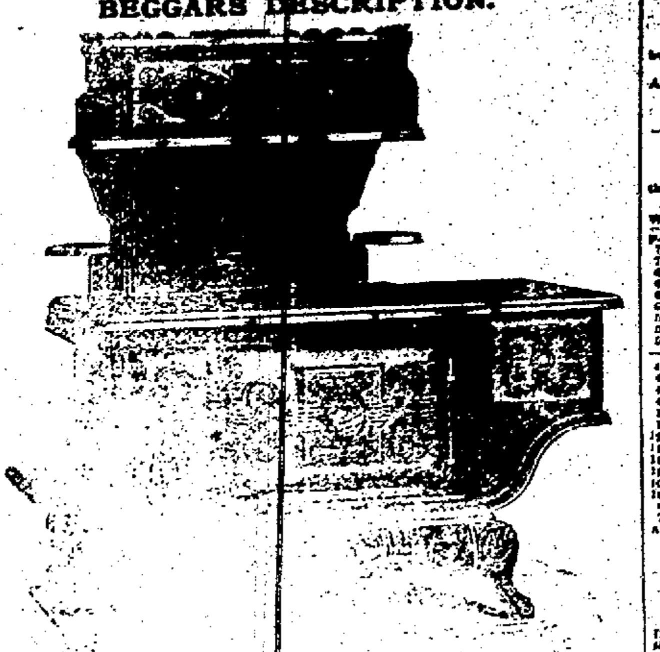

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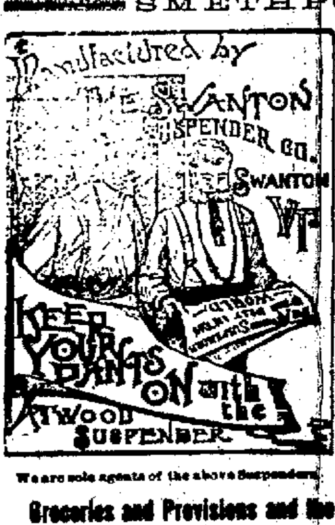

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PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVIS[illegible] TABLE, in effect May 29, [illegible] TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM

EASTWARD.

[illegible] a. m.—Train 4, daily except Sunday, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] New York [illegible] Baltimore [illegible] Washington [illegible] Pullman Parlor [illegible] from Williamsport and [illegible] from Kane to Philadelphia.

[illegible] p. m.—Train 6, daily except [illegible] Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] Pullman sleeping [illegible] Harrisburg to Philadelphia and [illegible] Philadelphia passengers can remain undisturbed until [illegible]

[illegible] p. m.—Train 1, daily [illegible] and intermediate stations [illegible] Philadelphia [illegible] Baltimore [illegible] Pullman sleeping [illegible] sleeper to Philadelphia [illegible] from Erie to Philadelphia [illegible] sleeper for Baltimore [illegible] be transferred, into Washington [illegible] Harrisburg.

WESTWARD.

[illegible] a. m.—Train 1, daily except Sunday, Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont, [illegible] stations, leaves Ridgway [illegible]

[illegible] a. m.—Train 3, daily [illegible] termediate stations.

[illegible] p. m.—Train 11 daily except [illegible] Kane and intermediate stations.

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